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Filing Date:	June 29, 2001	Examiner:	Not assigned
Serial No.:	09/895,842	Group Art Unit:	2131
Title:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENCRYPTED ELECTRONIC FILE ACCESS CONTROL		

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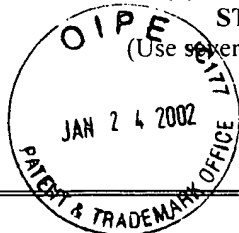
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAM'R INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If Appropriate
	A1	5,563,946	10/08/1996	Cooper, et al.			
	A2	5,623,637	04/22/1997	Jones, et al.			
	A3						

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	B1	PCT/US01/20835	29/Jun/2001	PCT				
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**OTHER ART (Include Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)**

	C1	Paul Marquess; "Filter::tee - tee source filter" 1995; 1,2, (software package)
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